

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1890.

It is about time Noland's bondsman paid up.

Decorations day will be observed in Mexico this year.

When you do away with hell you do away with heaven.

Some of Nevada's Democrats are committing political hari kari.

Ralls county is solid for Macfarlane, as is the entire Seventh district.

The Boulevard should be put in shape for driving. Who will take the matter in hand?

The Board of Directors of Hardin College met Friday but took no action in regard to prosecuting the Fulton Globe.

The number of people who want to use newspapers, but won't assist in supporting them, are on the increase in these parts.

There was a meeting of prominent Republicans of Audrain in Mexico on Saturday and it was decided to put out a full county ticket this fall.

The members of the County Board of Equalization say that whatever they did they thought was right and their duty. They have no explanation or apologies to make.

Medley and Sims are stumping the county and are doing lots of hair pulling. It takes at least two dandies to overshadow a congressional contest, but Sims and Medley are a couple of dandies.

There is always a great deal more "fuss and feathers" in the Congressional contest than there is any necessity for. The politicians do the proposing and the people do the disposing; at least that's the case in Audrain county.

A call upon Douglas Murray to become a candidate for County Judge of the Eastern District is being extensively circulated and numerous signed by his friends all over that section. A correspondent writes us that "Mr. Murray is the only man in the county who has steadfastly refused office."

"COUNCILMAN WHITE" says that when the Water-works company tears up the streets of Mexico they must put them back in the same condition they were. Councilman White also says that when Tom, Dick or Harry tear up the streets, Tom, Dick or Harry must put them back as they found them. This is common sense and needs no law attached.

Wm. Pollock & Co. are receiving liberal subscriptions for the new elevator, and we think there is no question in regard to the success of the enterprise. An elevator here means a local inspector—a local inspector gives us more home receipts as good as cash. All grain will then be graded right here at home.

SATURDAY'S LEDGER appears to have started people to thinking about the "future state." Two more writers give their views to the public to-day and doubtless others will follow. As these matters have been mooted questions almost since time began, it is not quite probable they will be definitely settled at this day; but it is a source of gratification to us to be able to re-echo the key-note of warning, so if there be such horrible tortures awaiting mankind in the hereafter no blame can attach to the "Great Religious Weekly" (and no less religious daily) for not doing its plain duty toward its thousands of readers.

The Moberly Monitor has the audacity to say some of Mexico's wicked people have horns. The Monitor is informed that there are horns and horns. The Mexico horn is different from the Moberly "horn." If you were to casually wink at the average Mexico man and mention "horn" the probability is he would suppose reference was being made to the Cape. Not so with the Moberly man. Just mention "horn" to him and he is up "in arms and ready for the fray." Nine policemen could not hold him. In fact, there are people in the "Magic City" who go about the streets before breakfast proclaiming aloud, A horn! A horn! My kingdom for a horn!

**Voted It Straight.**  
To the Editor of the Ledger.  
LADY, Mo., April 28.—Please insert this in your paper: It is industriously circulated in some parts of the county that I have, at some time during my life, left the Democratic party and voted the Republican ticket. This, I say, is not true. I re-nounce it as a malicious falsehood; the first vote I ever cast being for President Pierce, and from that time down to the present time I have never voted anything but the straight Democratic ticket.

Missouri is a great State. Her assessed valuation is over eight hundred million dollars. Only eight States exceed her in the value of realty, and in all of these States town lots in great cities increase the aggregate. Only four States, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Massachusetts, show a larger amount of personal property. No State in the Union possesses the wealth or resources that Missouri has, none has such glorious possibilities of development and progress. We are just beginning to grow.—Columbia Herald.

## THE LAW.

The Board of Equalization and the Assessor's Law—One of the Board Talks.

The following is the law under which the Board of Equalization acted:

Persons owning shares of stock in banks or any joint stock institution or association doing a banking business, or any other insurance company, whether of fire, Marine, life, health, accident or other insurance, incorporated under or by any law of the United States or of this State, are not required to deliver to the Assessor a list thereof; but the President or other chief officers of such corporation shall under oath deliver to the Assessor a list of all shares of stock held therein, and the names of the persons who hold the same and shall also state the actual cash value of such stock and all the property belonging to such corporation. In estimating the value of such stock and property, the officer making the same shall estimate and include all reserved funds, undivided profits, premiums or earnings, and all other values belonging to such corporation, which cash value shall be assessed and taxed as other personal property. Insurance companies or any corporation doing business on the mutual plan without capital stock, shall make like returns of the net value of all assets or values belonging thereto, which net value shall be assessed and taxed in like manner. Private bankers, brokers, money brokers and exchange dealers shall, in like manner, make returns of all money, or values of any description invested in or used in their business, which shall be taxed as other personal property. Provided, however, that the license hereafter required to be paid by such bankers, brokers and dealers in addition to such taxes, shall not exceed one hundred dollars per annum.

Article 10, section 4, of Constitution of Missouri, says all property subject to taxation shall be taxed in proportion to its value.

One of the Board of Equalization, in talking to the reporters of the Mexico papers, says:

"The law says all personal property shall be assessed at its fair cash value. Bank stock is declared by law to be personal property and has always been assessed as such, bank stock at \$100 per share being assessed at \$62.50 or 5/8 of its face value. Mr. McLean, in assessing bank stock last year, assessed all bank stock at 100 cents on the dollar; for instance, if the capital stock was \$100,000, the bank was assessed at that amount, instead of \$62,500 as heretofore. When the Board of Equalization met the banks filed written objections as the law provided, setting forth that they were unjustly assessed as compared with other personal property and that all they wanted was simple justice. Gov. Hardin and others personally appeared before the Board and showed by the constitution and the statutes that the assessment was unjust and asked that the same be adjusted to correspond with other assessments, which was from a half to one-third its value.

"The matter was discussed at length by the Board of Equalization, three of the members holding that bank stock should not be reduced unless a like reduction be made on all moneys, notes and bonds, thereby putting the farmer and the money lender on an equal footing with the banks.

"The Farmers and Laborers Union in its resolutions, demands that all property be assessed at its real cash value. This would raise farm lands to from two to three times the present assessment which is less than \$8 per acre.

"Another thing. We would be paying three times more than other counties.

"Inasmuch as assessing bank stock at its face value was contrary to law, unless all other property was so assessed, and without precedent in this or any of the counties so far heard from, the Board was compelled to make the reduction, and in doing so did not discriminate in favor of the banks and against the farmer."

**Twelve Years Old Yesterday.**  
From the Norfolk News.  
A day or two ago, while Conductor Isaac Bowe was taking toll from a carload of passengers, he came to a little girl who has been a regular patron of the road for some time. She handed the conductor a five cent piece, and he offered her two cents change, which she refused. "My dear little lady," said Isaac, in his kind, fatherly way, "children under twelve years of age ride half fare, and you know we have never charged you but three cents. Take these pennies and buy chewing gum." Instead of yielding to temptation the little lady remarked with a proud and satisfied air: "Kind sir, I was 12 years old yesterday, and I must insist that you take the full amount to which, by the rules of the company, you are justly entitled. Please do not annoy me further by insisting that I am a mere child." Isaac turned pale and clung to a strap for support. He said afterward that in all his experience he never knew or heard of such a case.

Prof. J. T. Cross, brother of J. N. Cross, of this city, has just closed a most successful school at Brunswick, Mo. Prof. Cross is a fine teacher and the board showed good judgment in offering him the superintendency for another year.

## "FAVORITISM."

Resolutions Adopted by Rock Hill F. & L. Union, Condemning the Action of the B. of E.

To the Editor of the Ledger.  
WORCESTER, Mo., April 29.—At a meeting of Rock Hill F. & L. Union, No. 18, called to meet on the 28th inst., for the purpose of considering the action of the County Board of Equalization, there was a full attendance. Mr. Douglas Murray, W. T. Lott and Isaac Adams were appointed a committee on resolutions. They presented the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The County Board of Equalization has reduced the assessment on banks, money, bonds, notes and other securities 38 per cent; and WHEREAS, We believe said action discriminates unjustly in favor of such and against farm property. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the judgment of this lodge, the action of said Board is a direct violation of the rights of the laboring class, and is calculated to foster and build up a class of property already paying enormous profits, while investments in farm property are carried, in many instances, at an actual loss.

Resolved, That we regard the principle involved in a general reduction of the rates of assessment, and through its influence in the councils of the nation, has resulted in a series of class laws, whereby the farmers have been robbed to build up a national moneyed plutocracy, and to make millions out of those who do nothing but gamble in the proceeds of our toil.

Resolved, That the action of the Board brings this hateful principle of extending favors to the rich at the expense of the toilers of the land home to our very doors, and that it is the duty of our noble order to fight it to the last ditch.

Resolved, That we demand of the members of the Board that they reconsider and rescind the order complained of, or resign their respective offices, so that they may be filled by men who will respect the rights of the people and see that the law requiring all property to be assessed at its true cash value be carried out.

Resolved, That there is no excuse on the part of the Board for this order, and that any attempt to justify or explain it away, is only "adding insult to injury."

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, an open session of the County F. & L. U., to be attended en masse, should be called at an early day, for the purpose of expressing our indignation, and for the further purpose of bringing forward and uniting on a set of candidates for the County Judgeship and Assessorship that will pledge themselves to respect the rights of the people and see that the property of the county is assessed at its true cash value, without extending special favors to the rich, and that all persons outside of our order who agree with us in condemning the action of the Board be invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

Resolved, That the county papers are hereby requested to publish these resolutions.

C. J. TONTZ, Pres.  
CHARLES ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.

**Short Girls as Kissers.**  
Little women, as a general thing, have the better of it, as far as kissing a man is concerned, because they have to reach up. That generally necessitates putting a hand on each shoulder, and the human representative of a Newfoundland dog is charmed by his soul because he thinks the little woman likes him so much. The woman who has to reach up to a man can always control him. Her size acquires her of her folly, and he is certain to regard her as a dear little thing and never see her Meah-avellian schemes for ruling him. Look at Cleopatra; she was little. Helen of Troy barely reached to the shoulders of the man who loved her, and in later days Catherine of Russia and Mary Stuart were both slender and rather small. Yes, sir, the small woman is certain to win, and I'm not sorry I'm small, writes Pansy Blossom to the New York Morning Journal.

**A New Story About Lincoln.**  
From the Chicago Tribune.  
Although Mr. Lincoln was methodical in many things he was slovenly in some of the details of his business. He had no particular place for anything, for the reason, may be, that he didn't have the particular place. One smile as he sees a yellow bit of paper, which was evidently a binding for a bundle of papers, on which were these grinning words:

"When you can't find it anywhere else look in this."

"It" meant something which Mr. Lincoln knew would be wanted some time, and as there was no particular place for "it" it was liable to be slipped into the bundle around which was this binding.

The St. Louis Republic, in its Sunday chat at "the corners," says Hon. Nat. C. Dryden will locate in St. Louis, and adds: "By the way, Mr. Dryden is about to desert the green fields and pastures of the Seventh Congressional District for a home in this city. He is coming here to practice law, and he will make the criminal code his specialty. He expects to plant his guns on this side of the Missouri River about the 1st of June."

The convict tasks in the Penitentiary shoe shops are as follows: A later is required to last 36 pairs of shoes or 30 pairs of boots per day; trees are required to tree 144 pairs grain shoes or 84 pairs calf shoes, or 72 pairs kid shoes, or 192 pairs women's kid shoes, or 96 pairs women's grain shoes, or 86 pairs grain boots, or 48 pairs calf boots, or 42 pairs calf boots per day.

## June Term Court.

The following suits have been filed for June term of court:

Joseph Boyd vs. Asah Heath, attachment.  
E. C. Cunningham vs. W. I. Quisenberry, replevin.  
E. H. McDonald vs. W. E. McDonald et al., for decree of title.  
John N. Taylor vs. R. H. Wilcox et al., damages.

Elijah Robinson vs. Wm. Wadingham et al., equity.  
Mary E. Sturgeon vs. Jacob L. Swope, to correct and reform deed.  
The Avery Planter Co. vs. J. T. Baker et al., note and mortgage.  
W. V. White et al. vs. Carrie White et al., partition.

A. H. Jones et al. vs. John P. Kaiser et al., amount to satisfy mortgage.  
I. H. Gantt et al. vs. Robt. Vanhorn et al., correct title.  
Laura A. Brown vs. John I. Brown, divorce.

Chas. Roth et al. vs. Lena Roth et al., partition.  
Wm. Harper et al. vs. H. V. Price et al., correct title.  
John J. Cox et al. vs. P. Cox vs. Jas. S. Trimble, attachment.  
Collector Hopkins vs. J. F. Blakeman, back taxes.

John J. Cox et al. vs. P. Cox vs. T. R. Shook, attachment.  
Oliver Woods et al. vs. John C. Woods et al., partition.  
A. B. Walker vs. J. L. Gilpin, attachment.

Lucy V. Heizer et al. vs. Mary Heizer et al., partition.  
George Robertson vs. Linnie Sloan, ejectment.  
Henry Youngblood vs. Frank Massey et al., to foreclose mortgage.

Taylor T. Turley vs. Chas. H. Bruce et al., correct and reform deed.  
Collector Hopkins vs. E. R. Searls, back taxes.  
Lewis Phillip vs. R. C. Blood, to defend warranty.

T. B. Duncan vs. Thos. Maley et al., note.  
Collector Hopkins vs. Nathan J. Kelbey et al., back taxes.  
A. C. Hitt vs. Lon Ridgway, rent.  
L. M. Emmerson vs. A. K. Laughlin, note.

J. W. Davis vs. Rollin McNams, damages.  
N. H. Sutton vs. Mollie L. Toliver, ejectment.  
APPEAL CASES FOR JUNE, 1890.  
J. M. Williams vs. C. P. Osburn, appeal p. p.

Thos. A. Bots, agent for Laura Hickman vs. John Asbury, appeal p. p.  
W. W. Johnson vs. H. Householder, appeal p. p.  
John R. Torreyson vs. George Gill, appeal p. p.

August Glahn vs. R. W. Edmondson, appeal p. p.  
City of Vandalia, Mo., J. S. vs. Glascock, city court.

**Land Sales.**  
Joseph Baumhoer to James Cunningham, 142 acres, 11-2 miles west of Martinsburg, Mo., \$3,915.50.  
Jas. A. Bright to Wallace Burkhardt, 170 acres, 6 miles North of Mexico, \$4,000.

Alice R. Peck to J. W. Ritenour, east 1-2 lot 6, block 5, original Mexico, \$750.  
Daniel Eubank to Waller L. Reed, 40 feet east part lot 7, block 3, original Mexico, \$1,200.  
Daniel Jenkins to O. M. Alexander, lot 10, block 5, Fair Ground added to Mexico, \$400.

Waller L. Reed to Lakenan & Barnes, 40 feet east part lot 7, block 3, original Mexico, \$1,200.

**A Fast Horse, Indeed.**  
Horse dealer—"I warrant this horse sound and kind."  
Possible buyer—"How about speed?"

Horse dealer—"The speed? Old man Grimes died the other day—died rich, you know—and it was understood that his will was to be read at the house after the funeral was over. Well, sir, I was out on the road with this horse that day, and hang me if I didn't beat the Grimes family back from the cemetery."

**Sold His Wife for \$100.**  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 27.—Henry Strauss, of Chicago, yesterday purchased the wife of Fritz Lander of this city for \$100. Mrs. Lander and Strauss were sweethearts in Germany, but became separated by circumstances. The happy couple at once took the train for San Francisco. Lander is a saloon-keeper and says the money more than compensates for the loss of his wife.

**But It Was "Daydot."**  
Mrs. Albert Shugg, of Manch Chunk, called it "daydot." Her husband said it was "daydot." They disputed. She refused to get supper, and he went out for the evening. When he returned she was hanging by the neck, and on the table was a bit of paper on which she had written: "It's daydot—daydot—daydot!"

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